

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1002
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A RESOLUTION to name a certain segment of SR 68 in Meigs County in honor of Mr. Raymond Bivens.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges in honor of those exemplary public servants who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Mr. Raymond Bivens of Meigs County; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Meigs County, Raymond Bivens displayed a deep sense of civic duty which was best exemplified by his distinguished 26-year career as a public servant during which he held either an elected or appointed position in Meigs County;

WHEREAS, highly respected by his community and his colleagues, Mr. Bivens was appointed Chairman of the County Court from 1968 to 1978 and was elected to a four-year term as County Executive in 1982; and

WHEREAS, a man of wisdom and decorum, Raymond Bivens served honorably as Chairman of the Meigs County Election Commission from 1991 until his death in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Bivens was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, who worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of Meigs County; and

WHEREAS, in remembrance of Mr. Bivens' meritorious service to his community, the County Commission and County Executive of Meigs County have memorialized this Body to name a certain segment of State Route 68 to permanently commemorate Raymond Bivens' bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the segment of State Route 68 within Meigs County from the McMinn County line to its intersection with State Route 58 is hereby designated as the "Raymond Bivens Memorial Highway" in recognition of an outstanding public servant who exemplified the true spirit of the Volunteer State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such segment of SR 68 as the "Raymond Bivens Memorial Highway."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the Department of Transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture of such signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the Department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.